



Main Street Amherst

General Membership Meeting

November 1, 2018

In attendance: Teresa Gilles, Denise McCarty, Mike Ciu, Terri Kiedrowski, John Dunn, Joni Poli, Kevin DeLong, Pat Farnsworth, Rosalie Currier, Donna Templeton, Gina Campana, Tim Uras, Mary Birch, Melissa Porter, Carys Trubach, Ginni Murphy, Charlene Kalo, Alice Hudson, Micah Judy, Rachelle Conrady, Toni Linna, Jeanette Flynn, Jeff Lowman, Dave Walzer, Dave Jones, Justin Barefield, Lea Ann Wiegand, Erick Marcucci, Mike Baculich, John Sekletar, Ken Fussell, Cindy Brogan, Matt Rains, Jordana Joy, Steve Sayers, Missy Timko, Spencer Reid, Debbie Kelley, Nicole Stanley, Matthew Metzger, Diana Fredriksen, Yvonne Hutchison, Amelia Gilfredo, Pogie, Jonathan Hauck, Nici Campaa, Alisha, Stewart.

President – Denise McCarty

- Meeting called to order by Denise McCarty at 9:03am.
- Motion to approve September minutes – John Dunn 1st, Joni Poli 2nd. All in favor.
- Denise introduced new board members, Rosalie Currier and Kevin DeLong. Will hold elections in December if anyone else is interested. Passed clipboard asking for volunteers.
- Members introduced themselves.

Vice President & Business Enhancement– Mike Ciu

- Thanked Tom Anderson, Mix 102.7, for breakfast.
- Comedy Night – Saturday, March 9th. Next meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 13th at 8:30am inside Arabica.

Organization Chair – Erin Link

- Smart Start – asked for new ideas for 2019 workshops.
- Back pack program - Thanked members for their donations. Leo Club members volunteer by helping to pack the backpacks & distribute to school officials. You may drop off donations anytime at the MSA building.

Business Enhancement – Terri Kiedrowski

- Amherst After Hours – Next is January 23rd, 5-7pm. Looking for places to hold this event. Please let a board member know if you have any location ideas.
- Prize-A-Day – Tickets on sale now. Will pick the 1st winner today, Nov. 1st. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for a sheet of 4. Grand Prize is a 4-day stay in Sunny Las Vegas!

Promotional/Special Projects Chair – Joni Poli

- M.O.M. – Thanked Sliman’s Dodge for being our main sponsor again. Please let us know if you have any business or group that would like to participate in the parade. Sign-up online, or call MSA. Parade begins at 6pm. Downtown businesses will stay open late. Santa & his helpers will be inside MSA building. Members are welcome to set-up inside MSA, requirement would be to have a craft for the children to do. Next meeting, Monday, Nov. 12th at 9am inside MSA building.
- Lolly the Trolley – December 12th. Tickets on sale today at 12 noon inside MSA. After 5pm at Sandstone Candle Works.
- Asked members for new event ideas for 2019. Basket Bingo? Please let us know your ideas!

Design Chair – Pat Farnsworth

- No report.

Executive Director’s Report - Teresa Gilles

- Christmas Open House – weekend of November 10-11th.
- Family First Night – Wednesday, Nov. 14th. Thank you to all the businesses that participate. The March FFN date is to-be-determined.
- Shed – MSA installed a new concrete pad to support our new shed. The Amherst Leo Club volunteered their time to stain the shed. Thank you for your help!
- Electrical Panels – working with an electrician to get them in working order.
- What projects would YOU like MSA to do in 2019? MSA did raise money for lights & sound speakers. Unfortunately, we were not permitted to install either of these on downtown streets.

Police Dept. – School District – Library – Rotary – Mural – Open the Floor.....

Amherst Schools - Steve Sayers thanked everyone for their support of Family First Night. Amherst Police presented their new program, Project Life Saver for locating an individual that has wandered from their home: adults and children. 21 individuals are currently enrolled in the program. A demonstration was given by Officer Nahm, Amherst Police Dept. The tracking band is provided "free" of charge with a \$10 maintenance fee to replace the battery and band. The caregiver receives a device to check the transmitter to make sure it's working properly as often as they'd like to. All Police Departments & the Sheriff in Lorain County have this device.

Library - many activities coming up, please see the calendar online or go to Amherst Public Library for a list. What do you do with your pumpkin after Halloween? Charlene suggested we

hold an annual "Great Pumpkin Shoot", in early November. A fun family night. More info to follow....

Rotary - Eric Marcucci, introduced new members. Jan. 26th will be annual wine tasting at Amherst VFW. Looking for donations and/or sponsors. Table sponsors will be \$250 for a table of 8. See a Rotary member for details.

Amherst Mural Association - honoring veterans on Veteran's Day, Sunday, Nov. 11th at 11am, at the wall on Park Ave (across from Arabica). Rain or Shine! They will also honor our 1st responders. Lou Maglio will be the M.C. John Sekletar explained the mural on the wall, downtown Amherst. He also thanked Teresa Gilles & MSA for their support and ideas.

Member asked how Apples & Ale event turned out? Not as well as Wine & Chocolate. Considering other ideas and welcomed new ideas from members.

Watson Wellness will do "free" chiropractic care for Veterans. See Dr. Watson's office. Library will also light the building and decorate for Veteran's Day.

Motion to Adjourn at 10:00 am – Mike Ciu 1st, Joni Poli 2nd.

Next meeting, Thursday, December 6th, 2018 at 9am.